? To his father

London, 18th Sept –

xx 4 44 To Hamburg, thence by steamboat to London where I arrived the 11th day of Sept. Here I have been busy month in purchasing stock for the Richmond Estate and shall have my hands full until the end of the month. – I have sent ten large cases of books by the ship Britannia, and shall bring the rest with me. I did think a little about returning in the steamship Liverpool which take this letter and is to sail from Liverpool on the 21st inst. But in the first place I could not finish my business in time, secondly the berths have been all engaged for a long time, and lastly though I wish to save time as much as possible, yet I cannot think of giving about more than two hundred dollars – the present price of the passage to New York in the steam-ships, whereas the steerage passage at present charge is but $125. – I expect to sail in the Toronto on the 1st of October, and I suppose I may expect to be about a month on the passage – Thirty days is counted a good voyage –